

Task Force. In 1999, Kevin was promoted to Captain and named Commander of District 5 Joliet.

Captain Shaughnessy has received many decorations during his career including the Illinois State Police Director's Award of Honor and the Director's Award of Merit. In 2002, the Captain received the M.A.D.D. Officer of the year for Will County. During his career, Captain Shaughnessy has instructed over 3,000 Law Enforcement Officers on a variety of topics.

Captain Shaughnessy and his wife, Colleen are the proud parents of three children, Ryan, Kelly and Mary Beth. Friends of the Captain say he is an avid golfer and can often be found on his favorite golf course.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other persons in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

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COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND  
SERVICE OF REV. LUTHER VIN-  
CENT LAITE III

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**HON. DAVE WELDON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Rev. Luther Vincent Laite III. Rev. Laite, a pastor and disabled American veteran of the United States Navy. Rev. Laite died on December 7, 2003, of complications from asbestosis, a disease contracted while serving his country in the U.S. Navy.

Rev. Laite honorably served his country for six years aboard the USS *Goldsborough*, and was honorably discharged in 1984.

Rev. Laite served as a pastor for 19 years in Brevard County, Florida. At the time of his death, Rev. Laite was the Senior Pastor of Christian Life Family Church of Brevard.

As a result of Luther's belief that churches must be involved in the life of the community, many women and children in need were helped. There was always room at the Laite family table or in the Laite house for those who had no other place to go.

Luther served on the board of the Protestant Ministries of Florida Institute of Technology and was National Director of Life Coalition International, an international pro-life ministry.

Luther is survived by his wife, Patti; seven children, Lydia Baker, Luther V. Laite IV, Audra Laite, Amanda Laite, Jesse Laite, Josiah Laite and Jonathan Laite; grandchildren, Zechariah Baker and Ethan Baker; his loving parents Luther and Peggy Laite and sister Vicky Stites, her children and grandchildren.

Several hundred people from all over the Nation attended the Luther Vincent Laite III memorial service that was held at Truth Revealed Ministries, Palm Bay, Florida, on December 13, 2003. Burial services were held at the Military Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on December 15, 2003.

As quoted in Matthew 25:21, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness."

Indeed, Rev. Laite will be remembered by those who loved him as a faithful family man, devoted pastor and loyal friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. We will all miss him.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE QUEEN  
MARY II

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**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, January 26, 2004, the world's newest and grandest passenger cruise ship, the Queen Mary II, makes its first international port of call to one

of the world's premier cruise ports, Port Everglades located in beautiful Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Queen Mary II embarked on its two-week maiden voyage on Monday, January 12 following an extraordinary send-off amid fireworks and hundreds of well wishers from its home port of Southampton, England.

Named after her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mary II is a state-of-the-art, luxury passenger vessel. In fact, the Queen Mary II is 1,132 feet in length, 236 feet in height, top speed of approximately 30 knots, and includes a crew of 1,253 and maximum capacity of 2,620 passengers. An impressive list of vital statistics.

It is a great privilege to have the Queen Mary II and her crew visit Fort Lauderdale. Port Everglades remains one of the nation's busiest ports in both commercial and passenger traffic. Port Everglades has become a major embarkation point along the east coast. In 2003, Port Everglades experienced 3,072,343 passengers through its cruise ship terminal generating more than \$89 million in total annual operating revenue. The continued success of Port Everglades is a testament to the financial commitment of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and the stewardship of Port Director Ken Krauter.

Port Everglades is the port of call for more than 5,400 ships. Port Everglades is home to a number of seasonal or year-round ships representing a wide array of cruise lines; including Carnival, Celebrity, Costa, Crystal, Cunard, Holland America, Imperial Majesty, Mediterranean Shipping, Orient, Princess, Radisson Seven Seas, Regal, Royal Caribbean International, Seabourn and Silversea.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Broward County, Port Everglades, and the residents of South Florida, I welcome the Queen Mary II, Captain Ron Warwick, and crew to Fort Lauderdale on the occasion of entering their first port of call, and wish her and her crew many years of calm and safe seas on the many journeys across the Atlantic.